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A Proclamation for pardon to them of Tyndale and Riddesdale.



Here as the Queenes most excellent Maiestie hath ben informed by her right trusty, and right entirely beloued Cousin, the Duke of Northfolke, whylest he was her Maiesties Lieutenannt generall in the North, and also by her ryght trusty and welbeloued the Lord Grey of Wylton, whylest he was warden generall of the Est and myddle marches agaynst Scotlande, that there were and bee dyuers of her subiectes, within the countie of Northumberlande, in the parties of Tyndale and Riddesdale, and other partes thereto adioynng, that haue of long tyme ben culpable and gyltie of sundry crymes, for the whiche the sayd Lieutenannt generall, in some parte by order of the lawes of the Realme, byd cause execution to be made in the moneth of Marche laste. And finding the numbze of the offendours, and theyr repentaunce very large and great: was moued on her Maiesties behalfe to haue commiseration, and so to stay further prosecution agaynst them, vntyll her Maiesties pleasure were knowen, and the repentaunce and submission of the sayde offendours notified.

Hereupon her Maiestie beyng inclinable to shewe mercy towarde suche as shewe them selues ready to liue lyke true subiectes in the peace of God, and the Realme: Is pleased that by this her Proclamation, it be notified to all maner of persons, inhabitauntes within the sayde countie of Northumberlande in the partes of Tyndale and Riddesdale, that her Maiestie doth acquite & pardon all such persons of the same partes as haue comitted any offence worthy death, before the sayd moneth of Marche, and not suche as haue committed any offence worthy death sence the sayde moneth of Marche. And for the more certeinthe of the persons that shalbe pardoned: Her Maiestie wylleth and comaundeth, that whosoever meaneth or wyll take any commoditie of this her Maiesties pardon, shall repayre to the Lord Chauncellour or keper of the great Seale of Englande, with certificat vnder the hande and Seale of the sayde duke of Northfolke, or of the Lord Grey of Wylton, or of the warden of any the myddle or Est marches, conteynng the name and surname of the partie, with a note of such offences as for the which the partie wyll requyre his pardon, and a testimonie that he hath founde suertie to be of good behauiour. And thereupon the sayde Lord Chauncellour or keper of the great Seale, shall graunt to such person a sufficient pardon, vnder the great Seale of Englande, exceptyng all hygh treasons to the person of her Maiestie and wyllfull murders. And the same persons shal pay only such fees for the same, as were payed for pardons obteyned at her Maiesties Coronation, and no greater.

Provided alwayes that no person shall haue any benefite by force of this Proclamation, but such as shall sue forth a pardon in forme aforesayd, before the last day of Hyllary terme next.

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